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SUBJECT: GENERAL SPINOLA PLANNED VISIT TO WASHINGTON

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1. IN VIEW FRENCH SOCIALIST PARTY'S EXPRESSED CONCERN (PARIS 24157) THAT US MIGHT EVENTUALLY BE TEMPTED TO BACK SPANISH RIGHT WING RATHER THAN TO CONTINUE SUPPORT OF SOARES AND AZEVEDO COALITION, EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF WE ALSO COULD PASS SUBSTANCE REFTEL TO PS HERE. THIS MIGHT HAVE ADDITIONAL ADVANTAGE OF SHORT-CIRCUITING UNNECESSARY DISCUSSION THIS THEME DURING MITTERRAND'S VISIT TO U.S.

2. FOR SIMILAR REASONS WE WOULD THINK IT USEFUL TO BE PERMITTED TO DISCUSS SUBSTANCE REFTEL WITH QUAI AND WITH PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR IN PARIS WHO IS CLOSE TO BOTH SOARES AND FRENCH PS TO MINIMIZE TO EXTENT POSSIBLE SPECULATION WHICH SPINOLA'S VISIT IS VERY LIKELY TO AROUSE.

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